

soon Senator Baack would be the moderator, then the aggravator. And we'll go...then we'll be talking about allegations and alligators, and just lose our way entirely, and at that point Senator Coordsen will give us some sugary words of wisdom from Western, Nebraska. But here is what I would like to see in this amendment when we adopt it so that the mediator will have some guidance. We would indicate in the language of the amendment, by its terms, that the mediator shall inform the parties that if disclosures or allegations of abuse should surface, Senator Rasmussen made one of those remarks which the microphone didn't pick up, but my keen ears did, that's why I was temporarily derailed, it would...the mediator would inform them that if these allegations or disclosures surface during the process, those allegations would be reported to the district judge who would conduct a hearing to determine if these allegations are true or if there is enough evidence to support them, however the language would be devised. I would like to see that kind of explicit wording in the statute so that each mediator will know exactly what, as a minimum, the parties must be told. If we say that the mediator will give them this information pursuant to the Hohenstein amendment, I don't think that's sufficient. I think we ought to draft an amendment that contains the information that the Hohenstein amendment added to this bill, that information being the following, that the allegations or disclosures would go to the district judge. I now would like to ask Senator Bromm a question, if I may.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, you may. Senator Bromm, will you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, from my discussion, you know what my question generally is so would you give me a response...

SENATOR BROMM: Could I read you the amendment, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Prior to the commencement of mediation, the parties to mediation shall be notified by the mediator that evidence of any abuse shall be reported to district judge to carry out the procedures set forth in the...and then we will have the Hohenstein amendment, we will have the reference to that section.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why couldn't we just say what that is in the